

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-27 (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A device for location at an opening to a receptacle comprising:

a movable projection adapted for association with, and for being positioned at, the receptacle at the opening;

a lid for location at the opening, said lid including a compartment that is positionable at the opening when the lid is located thereat and attached to the receptacle; and

engagement means associated with, and projecting with respect to, the lid; ~~wherein~~ such that when the lid is attached to the receptacle to position the compartment is ~~positioned~~ at or near the opening and the lid is moved in a given direction relative to the receptacle, the engagement means is caused to move into contact with, and act on, the projection such that the projection itself is moved into a position whereby it opens the compartment.

29. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 28 wherein the projection is hingedly moveable.

30. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 28 wherein the compartment is closeable in use with an openable seal.

31. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 30 wherein the projection at least partially detaches the seal from the compartment.

32. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 31 wherein the projection includes a cutter portion adapted for cutting the seal.

33. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 28 wherein the engagement means is a protrusion located internally of the lid and externally of the compartment.

34. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 33 wherein the protrusion comprises at least one flange located on an external wall of the compartment and is arranged to bias the projection into a location that opens the compartment as the lid is moved in the given direction.

35. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 28 wherein the lid is rotatable relative to the receptacle.

36. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 35 wherein the lid is attached to the receptacle via rotation in a first direction and is detached via rotation in a second opposite direction, the second direction corresponding to said given direction.

37. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 35 wherein the lid is adapted for threadable engagement with the receptacle.

38. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 30 wherein the compartment is also adapted for access from another location other than via the seal.

39. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 38 wherein the access adaptation is a closeable orifice in an exterior surface of the lid.

40. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 39 wherein a removable or insertable disc is arrangeable for engagement with a rim of the orifice in a closed position.

41. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 38 wherein the access adaptation is a closeable projecting teat located at an exterior surface of the lid.

42. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 28 wherein the projection is integral with the receptacle at the opening or part of an insert locatable in the receptacle opening.

43. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 42 wherein the insert is a sleeve positionable in a neck of the receptacle and the projection protrudes inwardly of the sleeve.

44. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 43 wherein the sleeve comprises:

a mounting for holding the sleeve in a freely rotatable but axially fixed manner in relation to the lid;

one or more deformable retaining means located externally of the sleeve for holding it in an associative frictional engagement at the opening of the receptacle;

a rib flange located at an internal wall of the sleeve and arranged to abut the engagement means upon rotatable movement of the lid at the receptacle,

wherein when the lid is rotated the engagement means abuts the rib flange and further rotation of the lid thus causes the lid and the sleeve to rotate together but only as allowed by the deformation of the retaining means, thereby detaching the sleeve from its association with the receptacle.

45. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 44 wherein the mounting comprises a circumferential or part-circumferential retaining rib located on the internal wall of the sleeve which in use is seated in a groove located on an outer surface of the compartment.

46. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 28 wherein the lid is provided with a tamper-evident seal.

47. (New) A device as claimed in claim 46 wherein the seal is a strip detachably positioned at an edge rim of the lid which adjoins the receptacle in use.

48. (Currently Amended) A method of opening a compartment located in a lid positionable at a receptacle, including the step of moving the lid in a given direction relative to the receptacle at an opening of the receptacle so that a projection that is (a) associated with the receptacle and that has at least a movable portion is itself moved by said lid into a position to open the compartment, and continuing to move said lid in said given direction to effect further opening of said compartment.

49. (Currently Amended) A method of opening a compartment located in a lid positionable at an opening of a receptacle comprising the step of effecting unidirectional relative rotation between said lid and said receptacle to rotate said compartment with said lid relative to said receptacle and to effect axial movement of said lid with said compartment relative to said receptacle, wherein movement of the lid in a unidirectional rotation alone with respect to the receptacle causes opening of the compartment opening; and continuing to effect said unidirectional relative rotation between said lid and said receptacle to subsequently effect ~~followed by~~ removal of the lid from the receptacle.

50. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 48 wherein opening of the compartment brings it into fluid communication with the receptacle.

51. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 48 that uses a device as defined in claim 28.

52. (Previously Presented) A method a claimed in claim 49 that uses a device as claimed in claim 28.

53. (Previously Presented) A lid for location at an opening as defined in claim 28.

54. (Previously Presented) A receptacle being fitted with a device as defined in claim 28.

55. (Previously Presented) A sleeve which is insertable into an opening of a receptacle and having a projection as defined in claim 28.